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Is the footpath at Boardwalk at Figgate Park, Mountcastle Drive North, Edinburgh, EH8 7SE adopted-by the Council?

All footpaths and boardwalk within the park are owned by the Council but are not considered to be adopted footways under the Road (Scotland) Act 1984 in the same way as roads and footways along streets are.

What height or depth does a defect have to be for it to be actionable and required to be repaired by the council on this footpath? What type of defect does it have to be?

Surface defects are generally considered actionable if they are at least 25mm (about 1") in depth; however, location, type of defect, etc., may increase the need for action. If on a visual inspection an area is found to be a potential trip hazard, then this would be rectified.

What inspection interval has the Council identified as being appropriate for this footpath?

Due to the current Covid-19 restrictions and the impact this has had on Council resources, inspections are generally carried out once per month where possible. Where these inspections are less frequent, ad-hoc visits in response to customer enquiries are carried out.

What factors were used in assessing the inspection interval?

There are many factors that are taken into account with regards to inspection intervals. For example, how frequently a particular route is used, volume of visitors, weather conditions, other priorities, emergencies, available staff numbers, health and safety demands, historic concerns, current condition of park infrastructure (areas damaged will be inspected more than areas in good condition), topography (i.e. slopes, ice formation), flooding or other surface water issues, as well as increase in public enquiries, claims, accidents, incidents, and near misses.

How is this footpath inspected (for example by foot)?

Almost all footway routes are visually inspected.

Please send us all the inspection records for this footpath, for the period 1 January 2018 to the present date.

Please see the attached inspection records for January, February, March and April 2021. Prior to this, I can confirm that inspections were done and repairs carried out however, we have checked our records and we hold no records of other inspections.

Maintenance records including records of independent contractors working on this footpath for the period 1 January 2018 to the present date.

Repair records for this footpath for the period 1 January 2018 to the present date.

Please see the records attached.

Details of any complaints made in relation to this footpath in the period of 1 January 2018 to the present date.

We have checked our complaints database with the keyword of Figgate Park. We have one complaint recorded on 19/08/2019, in relation to the footpath - cycled over the wooden bridge in Figgate Park when he caught his bike in a hole and hit his head off the railings.

Details of your policy or guidance which demonstrates the timescale within which repairs to defects on this footpath are to be completed, in the period of 1 January 2018 to the present

Defects are repaired in timely manner once found, there are no set time scales for repairs to parks infrastructure that is not considered adopted roads (and footways).

All correspondence to independent contractors or requests for inspections to any other party relating to work carried out on this footpath, for the period 1 January 2018 to the present date.

Please see the attached repair record where a job was raised for repairs to be carried out.



11<sup>th</sup> March 2021 area showing section after repairs



Please confirm details of the relevant code of practice for this footpath and defect?

None, as it is not an adopted road (or footway).